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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS : MANFRED T. REETZ ET AL.  
SERIAL NO. : 09/463,494  
FILED : July 25, 2000  
FOR : METHOD FOR PRODUCING AND IDENTIFYING NEW  
HYDROLASES HAVING IMPROVED PROPERTIES  
ART UNIT : 1652  
EXAMINER : C. Patterson, Jr.

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August 13, 2002

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a))**

SIR: ✓

This is a petition to extend the period of time two months for responding to the  
Communication dated May 13, 2002.

Applicant is a small entity.

A Preliminary Amendment/Response is filed herewith.

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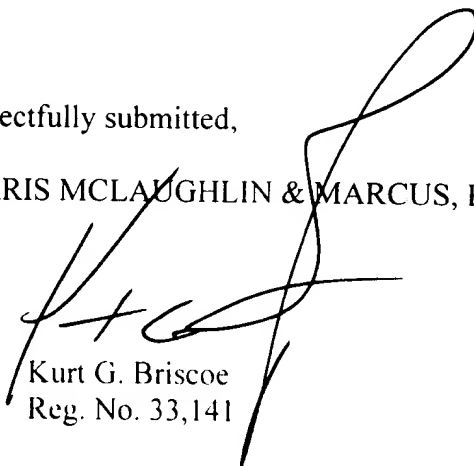
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Respectfully submitted,

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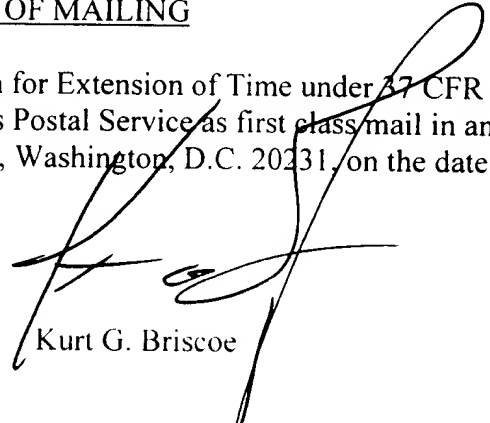
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